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1. The lignite industry fulfilled its production plan during the period from 1 January 1955 to 30 April 1955 as follows:

Plan Position	Borna	Halle	Senftenberg	Main Administration
Strip Mine Clearing	92.6%	91.4%	100.1%	96.4%
Raw Coal	98.4%	102.3%	100.2%	100.6%
Sifted Coal	94.8%	98.0%	93.5%	93.9%
Briquettes	98.4%	100.3%	98.3%	98.9%
Electrical Power	98.6%	119.7%	92.2%	99.5%

For the Main Administration as a whole, plan arrears existed on 30 April 1955 in the following items:

Strip mining	3,855,000 cubic meters
Sifted and lump coal	173,000 tons
Briquettes	154,000 tons

The Borna district had arrears in all important plan positions, the Halle district arrears in strip mining were considerable (1,830,000 m³), and the Senftenberg district was 88,000 tons behind plan expectations in briquettes.

2. Plan fulfillment in the individual lignite enterprises during the first four months of 1955 presented the following picture:

District	Total number of enterprises	Number of important plan positions filled
Borna	14	3
Halle	16	6
Senftenberg	20	8

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Enterprises which fulfilled none of the important plan positions were:

Borna District:	Braunkohlenwerk Regis
	Braunkohlenwerk Grosszoessen
	Braunkohlenwerk Thraena
	Braunkohlenwerk Deutzen
	Braunkohlenwerk Zeitz
	Braunkohlenwerk Profen
Halle District:	Braunkohlenwerk Gustav Sobottka
	Braunkohlenwerk Voelpke
	Braunkohlenwerk Nachterstedt
Senftenberg District:	Braunkohlenwerk Plessa
	Braunkohlenwerk Senftenberg

3. The gross production plan was fulfilled as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>1 January - 30 April 1955</u>	<u>Same period - 1955 over 1954</u>
Borna	99.2%	108.6%
Halle	101.9%	112. %
Senftenberg	99.2%	117.9%
Main Administration	99.8%	113.8%

4. The decisive factor causing the arrears in plan in strip mine clearing and in briquette production was the inadequate utilization of equipment. During the first quarter of 1955, the Borna district used its stripping equipment 37.4% of the time and Senftenberg its equipment 49.6% of the time. The remaining time was devoted as follows:

	<u>Borna</u>	<u>Senftenberg</u>
General and plan repair conversions	24.4%	13.9%
Mechanical, electrical and other disruptions	14.7%	17.5%
Train shortages (Zugmangel)	23.5%	19.0%

5. The reason about 50% of the briquette plants fell behind in plan fulfillment proved for the most part to be inadequate coaling by the plants during the frost period. As a result, drier stoppages due to coal shortages during the first quarter of 1955 amounted to:

in Meurostolln, Senftenberg	9.31%
in Impuls	13.6%
in Klara Zetkin II	12.68%
in Voelpke	2.8%

At the Grosszoessen, Thraena, and Profen plants in the Borna district, the poor showing of the briquette plants was due to inadequate coal supplies and deliveries of wet coal. For these reasons, the Grosszoessen briquette plant fulfilled its plan in the first quarter of 1955 by only 92.0% and utilized the drier 3% less than anticipated. Neukirchen utilized its drier only 88.2% of the time instead of 93.9% as planned.

6. The financial yield of the Main Administration for Lignite was 103.9% achieved during the first quarter of 1955, although gross production amounted to only 99.4% of plan. On the Main Administration level there was a yield of 200,000 DME in excess of plan. While the Borna and Halle districts were able to improve their profit yields beyond plan expectations, Senftenberg's loss in excess of plan increased by about 2,300,000 DME. The Braunkohlenwerk Senftenberg alone accounted for 870,000 DME of the loss in excess of plan, while the Braunkohlenwerk John Scheer's loss in excess of plan was 767,000 DME and Braunkohlenwerk Sedlitz's amounted to 393,000 DME.

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